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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Patent Application of:	:	Group Art Unit:	1761
Rodin Enne Bruinsma	:	Examiner:	Not yet assigned
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Mail Stop Petition
Commissioner of Patents
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PETITION GRANTED

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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.102 to make this application special because of actual infringement. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h) to Deposit Account No. 50-2061.

STATEMENT:

As a basis for the granting the above petition, the undersigned attorney alleges on information and belief that:

1) Salton, Inc. markets and distributes a pod filter system coffee preparation product under the registered trademark MELITTA, and model name ONE:ONE (hereinafter the MELITTA apparatus).

2) A rigid comparison of the MELITTA apparatus has been made with the claims of the application, as currently amended in a preliminary amendment filed herewith, and that it is my opinion that one or more claims are unquestionably infringed.

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